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Speculative agriculture must go. Prosperous farmers can not longer depend upon the one crop system, which is speculative, unsafe and consequently unsuccessful, because it may be upheld by war politics and many other things which effect prices and deprive the farmer of his just profits. Only a profitable, productive, safe agriculture will give farmers maximum yields and dependable profits. A diversified system alone can bring a stable prosperity and one that does not fluctuate with the seasons.

Bradford Knapp.

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COUNTY AGENT AND HOME DEMONSTRATION MEETINGS ETC.
COLLEGE SHORT COURSES AND FAIRS.

ALABAMA

The most wonderful development has taken place in Alabama when, instead of being supplied with meat, 473 cars of hogs are shipped to other markets.

Pike County organized a Hog sales Association on September 12th. Cooperative marketing organizations are in existence in the hog growing counties. At Auburn a marketing specialist explained similar organizations held in other places. Money has been borrowed to establish the necessary pens and scales for weighing.

To develop the farm resources of the Black Belt of Alabama one hundred business men have formed a "Farmers' Land and Investment Company," capitalized at \$100,000." This company will purchase land and divide it up into small farms. Demopolis will be the main office and branch offices will be in Uniontown, Marion, Greensboro, Eutaw and elsewhere.

The Alabama State Fair will be held at Birmingham, October 6th to 11th. \$1100 will be offered in pig prizes. The State Association or State Club agents at Auburn will furnish catalogues free.

A boys' encampment of 100 to 135 boys is to be held during the time of the State fair, to select the boys to attend the Non-Collegiate judging contest which takes place in Chicago from November 27th to December 5th.

The East Alabama Fair will be held at Alexander City from October 21st to 25th.

ARKANSAS

The Arkansas Cooperative Crop Reporting service shows that Jim G. Ferguson is now Commissioner of Agriculture for this state.

Mr. I. W. Hill will do much to further the cause in the interest of the Boys' Club work at Fort Smith from September 29th to October 4th.

It has been learned that State agent Watson has resigned and accepted the position of Market Agent for Tri-State Better Farming at Memphis, Tennessee.

An Agricultural Fair and Exposition will be held at Fort Smith from September 29th to October 4th.

DISTRICT of COLUMBIA

The confirmation by the Senate of Mr. Jas. R. Riggs as the new Assistant Secretary gives to the Government the services of an active farmer as well as practical business man.

The State Boys' Club Agents from all Southern States will hold their annual meeting in Washington during the week of December 8th.

The Bureau of Animal Industry desires producers and dealers to exhibit milk and cream at the National Dairy Show at Chicago, October 6th to 12th. October 8th has been named "Southern Day".

Miss Madge Reese of this Office, after completing her special exhibit on the utilization of milk and dairy products at the Chattanooga Interstate Fair will be sent as our office representative to the National Dairy Show to be held at Chicago October 6th to 12th.

DISTRICT of COLUMBIA Cont'd.

Miss Wessling is still absent from this Office, visiting in the interest of Home Demonstration Work a number of counties in Texas, also the Memphis Tri-State Fair.

An Agricultural line of pictures on the Boys' and Girls' Club Work will be obtained by Mr. I. W. Hill and Mr. C. H. Hanson in the interest of club work at the Oklahoma and Texas State Fairs.

Mr. Frants P. Lurd, now in Paris, writes Professor Martin that great interest is being shown in the Home Demonstration Work in France. He states the demonstrations are well attended and that the French Government paid expenses at the Agricultural Colleges at Grignon and supplied all material for demonstration practice periods. He also states the American Committees for devastated France are taking up the work for their centres and he believes that we shall see our work spread over all France.

Mr. J. A. Evans, Assistant Chief of this Office, has gone on an official business tour of south Florida, Georgia and perhaps Louisiana and Mississippi, to be absent until about October 5th.

Mr. C. L. Chambers is attending the Chattanooga Fair (Sept 29th to Oct. 4th), holding conferences for the Boys' Club work. He will go from there to Gainesville, Florida, to attend the Farm Demonstration meeting, October 7th to 11th, then to Atlanta, Georgia, October 13th to 18th. He will then return to the Office and after reporting the conferences held will render further aid in his work at Raleigh, N.C., October 20th to 26th; at Jackson, Mississippi, October 20th to 25th, and at Shreveport, October 22nd to 27th.

Mr. I. W. Hill is holding conferences in the interest of the boys club work at various points not visited by Mr. Chambers, being at Dallas, Texas, from October 6th to 19th.

A Tuberculosis Conference has been called by Dr. John R. Mohler in connection with the National Dairy Show to be held in Chicago October 6th to 8th.

Mr. J. H. McClain, in charge of dairy extension work in the Southern States, says "Alabama and Mississippi are destined to be the centre of a great dairy industry".

An Industrial Conference has been called by President Wilson in this city, from October 6th to 10th.

Concerning the farmers representation at the industrial organization conference, to be held here October 6th, Secretary Houston expresses himself as thoroughly in sympathy therewith. He has conferred with the President and finds he concurs with these views also, and there will be six agricultural representatives at the meeting.

Under the auspices of the Agricultural Colleges of Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina and South Carolina, four agricultural courses will be held for the fertilizer salesmen. The dates of these courses are given under these states.

"The Better Livestock Sire Crusade" has met with universal favor. In the nationwide campaign for better livestock the department will keep a record of the dominant breeds and varieties of livestock in each county for the benefit of all interested in this subject. When 100 or more purebred sires of a breed are found in a county that breed is considered dominant.

"A National Federation of Farmers' Cooperative shipping associations is necessary to accomplish standardization of methods of handling and shipping protection in respect of legislation and the settlement of transportation and terminal difficulties." Earl J. Torsper, Room 906, Royal Insurance Bldg., Chicago, has been elected for organizing secretary.

DISTRICT of COLUMBIA Cont'd.

Cottonseed Meal manufacturers are invited to a conference in Washington on October 7th, at 10 o'clock, to consider the cost of manufacture, that fair prices on this article may be arrived at.

Attention is called to the fact that the American Royal Livestock show will open at Kansas City, Mo., on November 15th. The International Farm Congress and the American Royal Livestock show will erect a temporary building in Kansas City. This annex will be used for stabling the livestock and the judging will take place at Convention Hall.

FLORIDA

The Annual County Agents Conference will be held at Gainesville October 10th to 14th. Mr. Chambers will be present at this meeting to hold conferences for the Club Work.

The Tenth Annual meeting of the Citrus Seminar and Livestock Round-up will be held at Gainesville from October 14th to 17th. The Second Annual Tractor and Farm Machinery Exhibit will be the great feature of this meeting.

The Poultry specialists, Dr. N. W. Sanborn and Mr. Blake, will give a series of lectures on their work at the time of the Livestock Roundup October 14th to 17th, at the College of Agriculture.

"The Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce has informed County Agent W. L. Watson and State Boys' Club Agent G. L. Herrington, that all boys in the Duval County Corn and Pig Club who submit reports of their work this year will be sent to the Boys' short course in Agriculture at the University the first week in December with all expenses paid."

Florida has fifty-one Home Demonstration kitchens. These kitchens in canning seasons form canning community centers. Florida has 149 clubs among women who under the Home Demonstration agents are taking Extension Courses in the study of food.

Menatee County has formed a farm loan association that the farmers may belong to the Kissimmee dairy association.

The cattle owners of St. Lucie County of their own free will dipped 1574 cattle.

The Florida State Fair and Exposition will be held at Jacksonville from November 22nd to 29th.

GEORGIA

The County Contest between club members has been planned to be held at Cairo on October 17th.

The Land Clearing demonstrations will close October 9th.

The third Agricultural Course for fertilizer salesman will be held by the Georgia State College of Agriculture at Atlanta October 27th to 31st. Salesmen from Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee will attend.

The National Nut Growers' and Northern Nut Growers Association will meet at Albany October 15th to 17th.

The Southeastern Fair will be held at Atlanta October 11th to 21st. The Boys' Club Work will have an able representative here to hold conferences in the interest of the work as Mr. C. L. Chambers of this Office will be present.

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GEORGIA Cont'd.

A conference of the Southern Guernsey Breeders will be held during the time of the Southeastern Fair at Atlanta, October 11th to 21st.

The Dairy Dixie Fair will be held at Albany from October 20th to 25th.

Mr. H. K. Vance has been detailed by the U. S. Department to make a cereal disease survey of this state to report on Smut eradication.

The Georgia-Florida Fair will be held at Valdosta from November 3rd to 8th.

The State Fair will be held at Macon October 22nd to 31st.

KENTUCKY

The regular Annual Short Courses in Agriculture and Home Economics offered by the College of Agriculture will be held for fifteen weeks, from November 3rd to February 27th.

The Kentucky Shorthorn Breeders' Association will be held at Lexington Oct. 22nd.

District Agricultural Agent F. E. Merriman announces that the County Extension Work should be organized by Communities to insure the people working together.

The exhibits made by the members of the boys and girls agricultural clubs were more gratifying this year than last.

The Bankers of this state have made it possible for the farmers to buy limestone even in ton lots at the lowest price.

Kentucky shows in a report that shallow cultivation is better than deep if for no other reason than that the fields cultivated by deep methods became badly "fired".

Miss Gertrude McChene was appointed State Home Demonstration Agent Sept 18th.

LOUISIANA

The World's Cotton Conference is scheduled to meet in New Orleans October 13th to 16th. Dr. Bradford Knapp is one of the committee on stabilizing cotton production and prices at this conference.

The Dairy Observation Tour will leave New Orleans on October 4th for the National Dairy Show at Chicago and the leading dairy sections of Wisconsin. One hundred dairy farmers and others interested in the dairy exhibits will be present.

Miss Caroline Boudreaux and Miss Erin Dore, Home Demonstration agents, who have been engaged since April in reconstruction work in France, resumed their work in Lafayette and Arcadia Parishes on October 1st.

The State Livestock Association plans to reorganize and a suggestion has been made that it be called the "Louisiana Farmers' Cooperative Livestock Shipping Association and become a branch of the National Association of the same name."

The fourth Agricultural Course for fertilizer salesmen will be held under the Louisiana College of Agriculture at Baton Rouge October 27th. Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas salesmen will attend.

The next Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association is to be held at New Orleans October 27th to 30th. Malaria, typhoid fever, hookworm etc. are the subjects of discussion.

The National Farm and Livestock Show will be held November 9th to 16th at New Orleans.

The State Fair will be held at Shreveport from October 22nd to 27th.

MARYLAND

Remember there will be held at Hagerstown, from October 27th to November 1st, a joint meeting of the Maryland Agricultural Society and the 39th Annual Farmers' National Congress: J. H. Patten, Secretary. Five hundred farmers have been appointed as delegates to this Farmers' National Congress.

Miss Kellar, State Home Demonstration Agent of Maryland, is planning to hold a big "Apple Day" at the time of the Farmers' National Congress, to show the great use and possibilities of this fruit.

The State Wool Exhibit will be held at Hagerstown October 27th to 31st.

A fair will be held at Frederick, Frederick county, October 21st and 22nd.

MISSISSIPPI

A new specialist in marketing, Mr. R. S. Bryson, has been added to the Mississippi Extension force.

The success of the short course in Junior Farm Mechanics was so pleasing that already plans are being made for a similar but greater course for next year.

The Mississippi State Fair will be held at Jackson October 20th to 25th. Mr. C. L. Chambers will be present to hold conferences in the interest of the Boys' Club Work.

NORTH CAROLINA

The Farmers' Union will be held at Greensboro December 10th and 11th.

The North Carolina State Livestock Association will be held at Goldsboro from December 9th to 12th. The first day of this meeting will be Swine day for the club boys.

The Official State Poultry Show will also be held at Goldsboro December 9th to 12th.

The first of the four Agricultural Courses held at Raleigh under the auspices of the Agricultural College began on September 29th and will end October 4th.

The campaign for the Cotton Association will begin the latter part of October. All farmers should enroll in the North Carolina branch.

The 58th State Fair will be held at Raleigh from October 20th to 25th. Mr. C.L. Chambers will hold conferences for the club work at this time and place.

OKLAHOMA

An auction sale of Aberdeen Angus cattle will be held at Muskogee on November 5th by L. R. Kershaw.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The meeting of the State Agricultural Mechanical Society will be held at Columbia from October 27th to 31st.

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SOUTH CAROLINA Cont'd.

The Second Course for fertilizer salesmen will be held at Florence October 6th to 11th under the auspices of the Clemson College. The salesmen from Florida and South Carolina will attend.

The York County fair will be held at Rock Hill from October 22nd to November 4th.

The Chester County fair at Chester will be held November 3rd to 6th.

The State Fair will be held at Columbia October 27th to 31st.

TENNESSEE

Dr. F. H. McRae has been made Commissioner of Agriculture for this state. Governor Roberts gives as one of the reasons for his selection his reputation as a practical farmer.

The George Peabody College for teachers at Nashville was the first College to give courses to the Home Demonstration agents. This year quite a number of Southern Colleges are offering four year courses to the agents.

The Annual Conferences of Agricultural Agents, County Home Demonstration Agents, Specialists and other Extension workers will be held at Knoxville, November 24th to 29th.

There are one-half million acres of swamp and flood lands in West Tennessee that should be drained, therefore delegates should be sent to the National Drainage Congress to be held in St. Louis November 11th to 13th.

The Tennessee Beef Breeders Association will meet in Nashville October 28th to 31st. Auction sales will be held. An auction sale will also be held at Bristol on November 4th, by T. D. Wells.

Miss Virginia P. Moore, Home Demonstration State Agent, has resigned after much effective work in the service of this State.

The East Tennessee Division Fair will be held at Knoxville from October 6th to 12th.

TEXAS

Boys' and Girls' Encampments will be held at the State Fair at Dallas October 6th to 19th. Mr. I. W. Hill will be there at this date and rouse the enthusiasm of all present in this wonderful organization.

Mr. C. H. Alvord is now in Texas to confer with the Extension Workers.

The Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show will be held at Fort Worth from March 10th to 15th, 1920.

The Cotton Palace will be held at Waco from November 1st to 6th.

The State Fair will be held at Dallas October 6th to 11th. The General Passenger agent of the Texas and Pacific Railroads announces the railroads have put on for the state fair visitors excursion rates of one fare and a half for round trip.

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VIRGINIA

The Farmers' Institute will be held at Franklin on October 17th and at Petersburg on October 18th. Mr. E. A. Miller has been requested to attend both meetings.

The Southside Virginia Agricultural and Industrial Exposition will be held at Petersburg October 14th to 18th.

The Virginia Horticultural Society will meet at Roanoke from December 2nd to 4th.

The State Corn Growers Annual Convention and exhibit will be held at Roanoke December 2nd to 4th.

The Danville fair will be held from October 7th to 10th. Handsome prizes will be awarded for the best corn exhibit and the first prize winner will also receive a loving cup.

The Virginia State Fair will be held at Richmond from October 6th to 11th. A Bread Contest will be held in the Demonstration building at the State Fair on October 7th, under the management of Miss Hallie L. Hughs, State Girls' Club Agent.

WEST VIRGINIA

Extension Horticulturist, W. R. Legge, is supervising the construction of a community apple and peach packing house, to be operated by the Department of Horticulture in Berkley County.

Mr. C. R. Titlow, Secretary of the Federal Land Bank says "More money loaned in August than during any month since the bank was organized. West Virginia increased her requests and loans more than 100 per cent during the month."

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